

# Report to Council

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<b>Subject:</b>	Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee 2020-21
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## 1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Council receive the Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

## 2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The report summarises the main areas of work undertaken by the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee during 2020/21.

## 3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

		The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee is a key component of the council's governance framework.
		
		



## 4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee is required to submit an annual report to Council detailing activities undertaken through the year and identifying outcomes.

## 5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The report does not require a decision and therefore, alternative options do not need to be considered.

## 6 Implications

<b>Resources:</b>	There are no direct financial and resource implications arising from this report.
<b>Legal and Governance:</b>	The council is not obliged by law to appoint an Audit Committee, but this course of action has been taken in line with guidance from CIPFA.
<b>Risk:</b>	There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.
<b>Equality:</b>	An equality impact assessment is not required.
<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b>	There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising.
<b>Social Value</b>	There are no direct implications arising from this report.

## 7. Appendices

Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee 2020-21.

## 8. Background Papers

None.

